

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An audio and/or video generation apparatus ~~which is arranged in operation~~ to generate audio and/or video material representative of an audio and/or visual source, said audio and/or video generation apparatus comprising

a recording means ~~which is arranged in operation to record~~ for recording said audio and/or video signals representing said audio and/or video material on a recording medium, and

a metadata generation processor ~~which is arranged in operation~~ configured to receive said audio and/or video signals, and to generate metadata automatically in response to said audio and/or video signals, wherein said metadata includes time code data representative of in and out points of one or more parts of the audio/video material, and said metadata includes a unique identification code for each of the parts of the audio and/or video material, each unique identification code uniquely identifying one of the parts of audio and/or video material,

said metadata generation processor is operable to generate an identifier of the recording media on which the audio and/or video material is recorded, and to store said metadata and said identifier of the recording media in a data store for communication separately from the recording media, and

said metadata generated automatically by said metadata generation processor is first metadata, and said audio and/or video generation apparatus includes an interface having a predetermined format for connecting said metadata generation data processor to a portable data processor, the portable data processor providing second metadata generated in response to user commands to said metadata generation processor, said recording means being

arranged to record said second metadata with said first metadata and said audio and/or video signals on said recording media.

Claims 2-4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): An audio and/or video generation apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said metadata generated automatically by said metadata generation processor is first metadata, and said audio and/or video generation apparatus includes an interface having a predetermined format for connecting said metadata generation data processor to a portable data processor, the portable data processor being arranged to provide second metadata generated in response to user commands to said metadata generation processor, said metadata generation processor being arranged to store said second metadata with said first metadata in a data store for communication separately from the recording media.

Claims 6-24 (Cancelled).

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): An audio and/or video generation apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the unique identification code is a Universal Material Identifier (UMID) or the like.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): A method of generating audio and/or video material representative of an audio and/or visual source, said method comprising
generating audio and/or video signals representative of an audio and/or visual source,
recording said audio and/or video signals on a recording medium,

generating metadata automatically in response to said audio and/or video signals,
generating an identifier of the recording media on which the audio and/or video material is
recorded, and

storing said metadata and said identifier of the recording media in a data store for
communication separately from the recording media, wherein said metadata automatically is
first metadata,

generating in response to user commands second metadata, and
recording said second metadata with said first metadata and said audio and/or video
signals on said recording media,

wherein said metadata includes time code data representative of in and out points of
one or more parts of the audio/video material, and said metadata includes a unique
identification code for each of the parts of the audio and/or video material, each of the unique
identification codes uniquely identifying each of the parts of audio and/or video material.

Claims 27-29 (Canceled).

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): A method as claimed in Claim 26, wherein said
metadata generated automatically is first metadata, and said method comprises
generating in response to user commands second metadata; and
storing said second metadata with said first metadata in a data store for
communication separately from the recording media.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): A method as claimed in Claim 26, wherein the
unique identification code is a Universal Material Identifier (UMID) or the like.

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): A computer program having computer executable instructions, which when loaded on to a data processor causes the data processor to perform a method of generating audio and/or video material representative of an audio and/or visual source, said method comprising

generating audio and or video signals representative of an audio and/or visual source,
recording said audio and/or video signals on a recording medium,

generating metadata automatically in response to said audio and/or video signals,
generating an identifier of the recording media on which the audio and/or video material is recorded, and

storing said metadata and said identifier of the recording media in a data store for communication separately from the recording media, wherein said metadata automatically is first metadata,

generating in response to user commands second metadata, and

recording said second metadata with said first metadata and said audio and/or video signals on said recording media, wherein said metadata includes time code data representative of in and out points of one or more parts of the audio/video material, and said metadata includes a unique identification code for each of the parts of the audio and/or video material, each of the unique identification codes uniquely identifying each of the parts of audio and/or video material.

Claim 33 (New): An audio and/or video generation apparatus to generate audio and/or video material representative of an audio and/or visual source, said audio and/or video generation apparatus comprising

a recording means for recording audio and/or video signals representing said audio and/or video material on a recording medium, and

a metadata generation processor configured to receive said audio and/or video signals, and to generate metadata automatically in response to said audio and/or video signals, wherein said metadata includes time code data representative of in and out points of one or more parts of the audio/video material, and said metadata includes a unique identification code for each of the parts of the audio and/or video material, each unique identification code uniquely identifying one of the parts of audio and/or video material,

said metadata generation processor is operable to generate an identifier of the recording media on which the audio and/or video material is recorded, and to store said metadata and said identifier of the recording media in a data store for communication separately from the recording media.

Claim 34 (New): A method of generating audio and/or video material representative of an audio and/or visual source, said method comprising

generating audio and/or video signals representative of an audio and/or visual source, recording said audio and/or video signals on a recording medium, generating metadata automatically in response to said audio and/or video signals, recording said metadata on said recording medium with said audio and/or video signals, generating an identifier of the recording media on which the audio and/or video material is recorded, and

storing said metadata and said identifier of the recording media in a data store for communication separately from the recording media, wherein said metadata includes time code data representative of in and out points of one or more parts of the audio/video material, and said metadata includes a unique identification code for each of the parts of the audio and/or video material, each of the unique identification codes uniquely identifying each of the parts of audio and/or video material.

Claim 35 (New): A computer program having computer executable instructions, which when loaded on to a data processor causes the data processor to perform a method of generating audio and/or video material representative of an audio and/or visual source, said method comprising

generating audio and/or video signals representative of an audio and/or visual source,
recording said audio and/or video signals on a recording medium,
generating metadata automatically in response to said audio and/or video signals,
recording said metadata on said recording medium with said audio and/or video signals,
generating an identifier of the recording media on which the audio and/or video material is recorded, and

storing said metadata and said identifier of the recording media in a data store for communication separately from the recording media, wherein said metadata includes time code data representative of in and out points of one or more parts of the audio/video material, and said metadata includes a unique identification code for each of the parts of the audio and/or video material, each of the unique identification codes uniquely identifying each of the parts of audio and/or video material.